(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken there under during 1991-92 and 1993, indicating the success achieved as a result thereof ; and

(c) what are the details of the proposals, if any received for protection of Gir and other breeds of lions during 1993 on wards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) India has only one wild population of lions which are found in the Gir Forests of Gujarat. The Central Government regularly gives assistance to State Govts. for the protection and development of the animal and its habitat under the Scheme of 'Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries'. The amount released under the Scheme during last three years is as follows :

Year	Amount
1990-91 . . .	48.40 lakhs
1991-92 . . .	42.05 lakhs
1992-93 . . .	26.44 lakhs

The success of the efforts can be assessed from the fact that the lion population increased from 180 in 1974 to 205 in 1979, 239 in 1985 and 284 in 1990.

(c) The proposal for Central Assistance for developmental works was received during 1993-94 from the Govt. of Gujarat and an amount of Rs. 29.71 lakhs has been released for the purpose.

A scientific evaluation is going on for finding a second home for Asiatic lion in the North Western part of Madhya Pradesh and Southern part of Rajasthan for long term survival of the species and as insurance against any exigencies.

Disposal of Letters Received From M.Ps

1002. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *ALIAS* MEEM AFZAL : Will the MINISTER of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to his Ministry during the period from 1st April. 1990 to 31st March, 1993 alongwith year-wise details thereof ;

(b) what is the number of letters out of them that were acknowledged ;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (d) A total number of 1209 letters were received from members of Parliament during the period from 1st April, 1990 to 31st March 1993. The year wise break up of these letters is as follows :—

	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	Total
No. of letters received . .	322	486	401	1029

Of these, in respect of 1175 letters final replies have been sent. While positive replies could be furnished in 1044 cases, the number of replies which could be described as negative replies is 131.

वन भूमि का इस्तेमाल

1003. श्री विट्ठलराव माधवराव जाधव : क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरदार सरोवर परियोजना क्षेत्र से विस्थापित लोगों के पुनर्वास के लिए वन भूमि के इस्तेमाल की अनुमति मांगी जा रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस मामले में क्या निर्णय लिया है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) सरदार सरोवर परियोजना के विस्थापितों को पुन: बसाने के लिए धुले जिले में

1500 है० अतिरिक्त वन भूमि देने संबंधी महाराष्ट्र राज्य सरकार के प्रस्ताव को वन (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1980 के तहत 22-2-1994 को मंजूरी दे दी गई है।

Deepar Beel Bird Sanctuary, Assam

1004. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Deepear Beel, a bird sanctuary in Kamrup District in Assam is currently witnessing the coming of migratory birds and their mingling with the local men;

(b) whether it is a fact that the situation is distrubed/threatened by the local people and those from the nearby villages; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMLA NATH) : (a) to (c) The information has been called from the State Government of Assam and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Japanese aid for enviroment improvement

1005. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of Japanese aid recently secured by Government specially for environment;

(b) whether it is a fact that the bulk of this assistance is earmarked for improvement of some lakes; and

(c) what assistance would be directed to reclaim Kolleru Lake in West Godavari in Andhra Pradesh.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) A list containing the names of Japanes assisted projects in the environment and forestry sector is given as statement. (*See* below).

Statement

List of on-going OECF Assisted Projects in the Environment Sector

Sl. No.	Project Name	Loan Amount (Yen million)	Date of signing	Date of closing	Undrawn Balance (Yen million)
1	Afforestation and Pasture Development along Indira Gandhi Canal Area (ID-P. 73)	7,869	3-1-91	5-2-98	7,142
2	Afforestation Project in Aravalli Hills (ID-P-80)	8,095	9-1-92	30-3-98	7,227
3	Yamuna Action Plan Project (ID-P-84)	17,773	21-12-92	21-12-97	17,773

(b) So far, no project for lake improvement has been cleared by the Government of Japan for financial assistance.

(c) No proposal to reclaim Kolleru Lake in the West Godavari District has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Collection of Carcases of Dead Animals

1006. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :